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**From:** Glenn, William  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015 5:42 PM  
**To:** Keener, Bill; Zito, Kelly; Gaudario, Abigail; R9 Supervisors  
**Cc:** Barkett, Bonnie; Maier, Brent; Higuchi, Dean; Reyes, Deldi; PerezSullivan, Margot; Mogharabi, Nahal; Glosso, Niloufar; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Hudnall, Patricia; Ford, Margaret; Henderson, Alita; COHEN, Deborra; Pratt, Kristen; Kemmerer, John; Meltzer, Kathy; Plenys, Thomas; Engelman, Alexa; Hood, Timonie; Blazej, Nova; Stollman, Scott; Johnson, AudreyL; Amato, Paul; Schmidt, David; Skadowski, Suzanne; Rao, Kate; Ty, Fatima; Kao, Jessica  
**Subject:** End of Day -- April 15, 2015

## MEDIA

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**ABC News 10 Sacramento:** Reporter Michael Bott wants to interview EPA about the status of the Iron Mountain Mine cleanup and the lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court by AIG insurance company against the property owner. (v) OPEN. SFUND. Suzanne Skadowski

**Lake County Record Bee:** Reporter Berenice Quirino wants a phone interview this week with the EPA Superfund project manager for the Sulphur Bank Mine site. (v) OPEN. SFUND. Suzanne Skadowski

**Peninsula Press (Stanford University):** Student journalist Peter Johnson wants to talk with EPA about the Sims Metal Recycling facility in Redwood City and pollution violations that resulted in EPA lawsuits in 2014. Wants to talk about this in the next week or so. (v) OPEN. ENF. Suzanne Skadowski

**SF Public Press:** Reporter Michael Stoll wants to find out more about the Cargill Salt Plant Redwood City development "through the lens of sea level rise." Provided desk statement and website link. (v) CLOSED. WTR. Suzanne Skadowski

**Ambrica Productions:** Reporter asked HQ whether Silicon Valley still has the highest concentration of hazardous waste sites in the country – and how many? Provided information for HQ press office response. (v) CLOSED. SFUND. Suzanne Skadowski

**KPCC:** Reporter Jed Kim was looking for some information on a decision regarding a California soot plan. Sent him some information. Looking for more details on his request. AIR. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**Los Angeles Times:** Reached out to Op-ed Editor Susan Brenneman regarding an op-ed from Jared on next week's DERA announcement. Looking to run op-ed on April 21. Editor made a note that this was coming, but asked that we send them something as close to final as possible by tomorrow morning so that they can review and gauge interest. Trying to confirm pieces for next week in the next few days. AIR. OPEN. Nahal Mogharabi.

**San Diego State Journalism Student:** Student Reporter KC Stanfield was looking for questions regarding City Heights and some closed dumps and clean-up sites and how that affects air quality. Had reporter send questions. Working on finding correct source/agency. AIR/LAND. OPEN. Nahal Mogharabi.

**12 News (NBC, Phoenix):** Reporter Stacia Naquin wants information on impacts of phosphates in surface water. OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) WTR

## WEB

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**Social Media:**

**Clean Power Plan/Climate Change** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages about the Clean Power Plan and linked to Gina McCarthy’s Huff Post Business blog, [Climate Action Is Driving Innovation, and Our Economy](#).

**Web Updates:**

**Environmental Justice** – Posted the latest EJ Update to the [Environmental Justice website](#).

**California Air Actions** – Posted a link to the Federal Register notice for the Southeast Desert Ozone Attainment Determination to the [News and Events page](#).

**West Coast Collaborative** – Posted another press release to the [West Coast Collaborative Projects page](#).

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**EPA HQ Meeting with Visalia, CA Officials:** Today, Visalia, California Councilmember Bob Link, Assistant City Manager Leslie Caviglia, and Kim Loeb, City of Visalia Brownfields Program Manager met with HQ Intergovernmental Office and staff from HQ Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, and Region IX staff Nova Blazej and Brent Maier to discuss the city’s success with the Brownfields Program and noted their recent Brownfields application submitted to EPA.

**Congressional Outreach on Upcoming Disney Food Recovery Challenge Award Ceremony:** Brent Maier contacted Congressional staff in the Los Angeles offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Loretta Sanchez asking them to “save the date” for an upcoming award ceremony on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Disneyland Resort’s recent Food Recovery Challenge award from the EPA. The Disneyland Resort received this award from the EPA for the following efforts: Food Scraps Diversion Program; Food Donation Efforts; Cooking Grease Recycling; and Composting Program. Brent let them know that he will be following up with each of their offices with a media advisory that will have more specifics and logistics in the coming days in advance of the event.

**(WOTUS) House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:** The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure today approved a bill to bar the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from making changes to Clean Water Act jurisdiction. The bill, H.R. 1732, passed 36-22, with all Republicans voting in favor and all Democrats but one opposing. The Regulatory Integrity Protection Act would force the agencies to withdraw a rule clarifying which waters are considered “waters of the U.S.” under the Clean Water Act and therefore subject to federal protections, including permitting requirements under the act’s Section 404.

**Status of Key Environmental Policy Legislation Pending in Congress:** The following chart summarizes the status of key environmental policy legislation pending in Congress. The first column provides a synopsis of the purpose of, content of and support for the legislation. The second column summarizes the provisions of the bills. The third column outlines the procedural path ahead and the political prospects for enactment.

[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNBW/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=66989527&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0g4y8j3u9&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNBW/split_display.adp?fedfid=66989527&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0g4y8j3u9&split=0)

**Legislation Introduced:**

**April 14, 2015 - [S. 934: A bill to amend the renewable fuel program under section 211\(o\) of the Clean Air Act to require the cellulosic biofuel requirement to be based on actual production, and for other purposes.](#)** Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Flake [R-AZ]. This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works which will consider it before sending it to the Senate floor for consideration.

**April 14, 2015 - [H.R. 1776: To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.](#)** Sponsor: Rep. Alan Grayson [D-FL9]. This bill was referred to the House Committee on Appropriations which will consider it before sending it to the House floor for consideration.

**April 14, 2015 - [H.R. 1775: To establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes.](#)** Sponsor: Rep. Donna Edwards [D-MD4]. This bill was referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure which will consider it before sending it to the House floor for consideration.

**Bill Text - [S. 896: A bill to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes.](#)** This bill's text is now available.

**Bill Text - [H.R. 1734: Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015.](#)** This bill's text is now available.

**Bill Text - [H.R. 1736: To amend the Clean Air Act with respect to the ethanol waiver for the Reid vapor pressure limitations under such Act.](#)** This bill's text is now available.

#### **Tomorrow's Hearings on Capitol Hill:**

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> - House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform – Oversight Hearing on “The Worst Places to Work in the Federal Government”** 9:00am ET in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.  
<http://oversight.house.gov/hearing/worst-places-work-federal-government/>

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> - Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources - Hearing on the Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Outlook for 2015.** 10:00 a.m. ET in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The hearing will be webcast live here on the energy panel's website. Witness: Hon. Adam Sieminski, Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration. <http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings-and-business-meetings?ID=80f3bba9-29ca-48ca-b896-1f4567a5b285>

#### **Tomorrow's Intergovernmental Meetings:**

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> - EPA HQ Meeting with City of Orange Cove, CA Mayor Victor Lopez:** EPA HQ Office of Water and Intergovernmental Relations staff will meet with Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove to discuss funding for water projects. The city has one sole water source, the Friant Kern Canal, and every couple of years they have to close it down for a month for maintenance and they are unable to use their wells because they are contaminated with nitrites. They have completely eliminated outdoor watering with potable water to conserve because they do not have a sufficient federal allocation and may run out of water in the coming months without assistance. Their community is predominately an agricultural farming community with a huge Latino/Hispanic population. Due to the drought, they have 50 percent of residents living below poverty level and some farmers setting aside 40 percent or more of the acres they farm. The City has had to raise water rates in order to pay for water meters. Since the medium household income (MHI) there is \$26,942 and therefore, only 44% of California State's MHI, they are deemed as severely disadvantaged and are looking for funding assistance through any applicable EPA programs. Region IX will participate by teleconference.